

## You Love to Hate Me by orphan\_account

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**Summary:**

Max & Mike have an argument about their arguments, and the deeper meanings behind them. (This takes place in Season 3 before Max & Mike ask Jonathan & Nancy what they think of the argument.)

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"El is her own person, she can stay in that room if she wants!" Max argued.

"I KNOW that, but I just feel she's over her limits! Plus, can I bring up ANYTHING without you arguing with me about it?" Mike retaliated.

"I know you brought it up just to argue with me some more." Max said, jokingly.

"I don't like arguing with you!" Mike shot back.

"Are you sure?" Max asked, playfully.

"Yes." Mike said, sternly.

A pause.

"You love it." Max teased.

"I don't like hating you, Max." Mike said, in a less aggressive tone.

"You like that I hate you, though." Max said, in a more serious tone.

Mike shifted his position on his couch, across from Max's couch.

Max lifted an eyebrow in response, and moved over to sit next to him on the couch.

"Really. You LOVE when I hate you, and you can't STAND that." Max said, teasing once again.

"I do not." Mike said, unconvincingly.

"What if I knew that all along, Mikey? What if that's why I always do it?" Max said, in a ironic, yet seductive tone.

Mike sat there silently.

"Don't you always wonder why I dump Lucas? I try to give you opportunities." Max said, moving towards him even more on the couch only intended for two.

"I like El, okay Max?" Mike said, keeping his voice as straight as possible.

"It's not like she likes you back anymore, and I was just joking anyways." Max said, caught off guard at Mike's oddly serious response.

"I knew that." Mike said, concealing a fire in the back of his voice.

"You distracted me. El still doesn't deserve to be in there, doing everything herself." Mike said, bringing himself back to reality.

"I'm tired of going in circles with you." Max said, walking out of the room.

"WHERE ARE YOU GOING?" Mike called, still sitting on the couch.

"GETTING A SECOND OPINION!" Max shouted back, making Mike rush to follow her.